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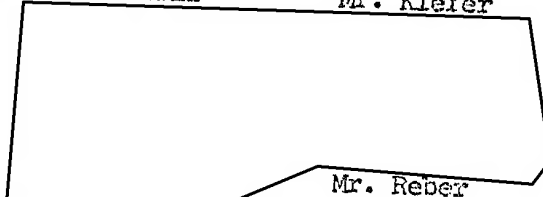


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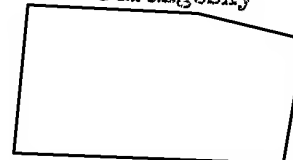
STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 7 October 1960

PRESENT: Col. Beerli Mr. Kiefer



Mr. Reber

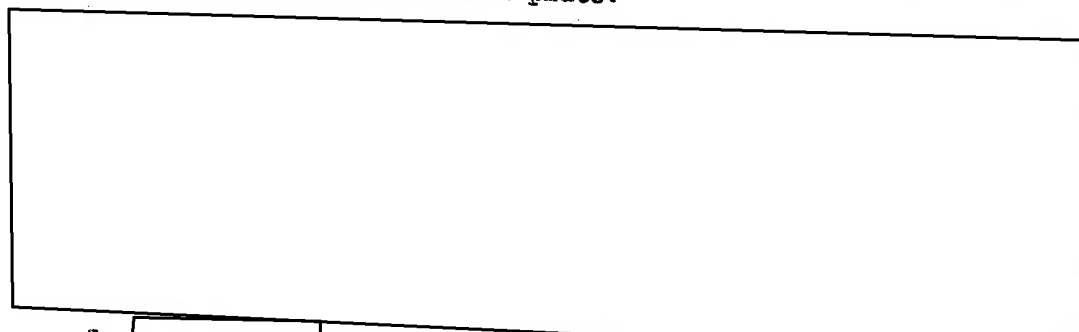
Mr. Parangosky



1. Col. Beerli announced that beginning with this staff meeting he would follow the procedure of having Branch and Section Chiefs report on the status of major actions only, particularly those that involve other units of the Division.

2. [redacted] reported that changes are under way in the CORONA program to improve the product. The improvement is expected to be completed next year and is aimed at an increase in quality, specifically, to improve resolution at least twice as much as presently achieved.

3. Also on CORONA, Mr. Reber indicated that the request for additional billets has been held up in the Pentagon. Secretary Gates is reportedly not satisfied with the current proposals and has requested all Secretaries to review the lists. Mr. Reber also pointed out that SAMOS is excepted from the Presidential Directive. The Air Force is going to announce that there is a camera in the SAMOS vehicle scheduled for launch on October 11 and Mr. Reber's comment was that someone should be sure that the White House knows that the announcement is to take place.



5. [redacted] also indicated that the need for additional space was becoming acute in APB.

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Col. Beerli reviewed his proposed plan to be forwarded to the DD/P relative to moving all of DPD out of 1717 H Street both for security and space reasons. The many diverse and sensitive projects being carried out by DPD require compartmentation that cannot be achieved as effectively in the new building as in entirely new space due to the fact that already the allocated space is too small for our needs. It is highly desirable that the Division have two Control Rooms, one for Air Support activities and one for special projects.

Col. Beerli stated that a position paper would be prepared outlining the requirements and an attempt will be made to gain DD/P approval.

6. Mr. Parangosky emphasized that the improvements referred to in the CORONA program above should be considered highly classified in that one of the companies previously associated with CORONA is not involved in the new program. Extreme caution should be taken in discussing the program with any suppliers. He requested that DPD Security consider this requirement a red-flag item. Mr. Parangosky reported that [] tests have gone exceptionally well, and that an activity program [] is now being coordinated.

7. [] announced that the DPD Security is investigating the possibility of a new badge system in DPD, one that would enable members of the Division to tell at a glance the type of clearance or clearances held by all personnel. In this manner, discussions of any special item in the presence of an uncleared person would be tightly controlled. [] also reported that Security is planning a manual describing the special clearances in DPD. He reported briefly on his visit to [] and emphasized that one of the outstanding requirements was the need for more recreational equipment.

8. In response to a question by [] on the future status of the CHALICE weather package, Col. Beerli stated that Mr. Bissell hoped to again approach T. Keith Glennan to request continued use of NASA cover in the program. It is his intention to make certain guarantees to NASA in order to win their support. Col. Beerli also stated that the use of AWS cover which had been considered was felt to be impractical from a military standpoint. The matter is expected to be resolved within the next ten days.

9. Col. Beerli noted that despite the recent Air Force attitude towards involvement in intelligence activities, nonetheless, continued and close cooperation with DOD was necessary. There is no question that a civilian air capability must be developed but as long as military equipment and military specialties are used we cannot separate ourselves from DOD. Col. Beerli requested that the

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letter to DOD covering the assumption of benefits for Air Force personnel involved in our activities be made into a policy letter. Mr. Cunningham will take action on this.

10. Mr. Reber raised the question of the processing of take in connection with the [redacted] It was agreed that this subject would be fully explored before the team departs [redacted] Col. Beerli instructed that a position paper be drawn up by the team prior to departure and that all possible areas of discussion [redacted] being included.

11. [redacted] announced that the trip report of the team that had gone to Edwards has been circulated and all sections have been requested to take action on requirements.

12. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] had created a new requirement for the Air Section and that a statement of tasks was being drawn up. He indicated that there was an acute shortage of personnel in the Air Section due to its involvement in many activities and that the cooperation of all support sections was a necessity. He stated that the detachments naturally looked to the Operations Branch for action on requests and that unless the support elements of the Division take prompt action in their areas of responsibility valuable time is lost. He also indicated that a paper on personnel augmentation will be submitted to Col. Beerli.

13. Col. Beerli urged all section chiefs to personally encourage response to the UGF drive. He expressed the hope that the Division could wind up the drive by the middle of the month. At present the Division is ahead of last year's returns and hopefully will finish with as close to 100% participation as possible.

14. [redacted] reported that a proposed Clandestine Services Instruction on the mission and functions of DPD has been written and will be circulated through the Division for comments prior to forwarding to the DD/P for approval.

15. [redacted] requested the cooperation of all Section Chiefs in getting personnel to account for travel advances as soon as possible after completion of trips. It was decided that he would let section heads know when a person had been delinquent for over thirty days so that follow-up action could be taken. [redacted] also requested that his office be advised as soon as any decisions were made to move Detachment B on any staging operation in order to enable him to provide funding.

16. Col. Beerli concluded the meeting by stating that the Administrative Branch was preparing a notice on the proper steps

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to be taken in case of personnel emergency. The Agency has various directives covering this and they will be compiled into one DPD notice which upon publication should be read by all personnel of the Division.

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[Redacted Signature]

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Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, DPD

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